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In re Application of: Walton et al. )  
Application No. 10/022,080 )  
Attorney Docket No. EMC-01-153 ) **RESPONSE TO APPLICANTS'**  
Filed: December 13, 2001 ) **COMMUNICATION**  
For: METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR )  
MAINTAINING DATA INTEGRITY )  
USING DUAL WRITE OPERATIONS )

Applicants filed a letter on July 29, 2003 that only recently came to the attention of the Technology Center. The letter requested that certain remarks be entered into the application record relating to the examiner's statements made in a Notice of Allowability mailed on March 25, 2003. Specifically, applicants were responding to the examiner's requirement for drawing corrections.

The Office wishes to acknowledge receipt of the letter and to inform applicants that the letter is of record. However, a review of the application file shows the issue fee was due on June 25, 2003 and there is no record that applicants submitted payment during the statutory period. Therefore, the response filed July 29, 2003 does not change the status of the application as abandoned.

Applicants may wish to consider filing a petition under 37 CFR § 1.137 to revive the application. The application file will be retained in the Technology Center for two months from the mailing date of this letter and thereafter it will be returned to abandoned files. Telephone inquiries should be directed to the undersigned at (703) 308-0269.

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